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MORNING SESSION.

The Mud Creek Baptist Association convened with the Freewill Missionary Baptist Church, two miles southwest of Quinton, on the Kansas City, Memphis & Birmingham Railroad, October 17, 1891, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. White, from St. Mark, chapter V and 19th verse, which reads thus: "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."

Prayer by Brother B. M. Waldrop.

The Association then adjourned to meet again at 1:30 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled in the house at 1:30 o'clock, P. M. Services were opened by singing a hymn in the Psalmody, No. 982, after which prayer was offered by Brother W. H. Peterson.

The Moderator called for the letters of representation from the various churches and appointed Brother B. M. Waldrop, of the Birmingham Association, and Brother J. R. Reeves a committee to read the letters handed in. The Clerk enrolled the names of delegates.

The Moderator appointed Brothers B. M. Waldrop and J. K. P. Laird to take the votes of the several churches for Moderator and Clerk. As the Moderator called out the names of the churches the delegates came forward and voted for these officers, which resulted in the choice of Elder A. White, Moderator, and Brother A. J. Sumners, Clerk.

The Moderator called for newly constituted churches and received none. He then called for correspondence and received Elder B. M. Waldrop, of the Birmingham Association.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint committees, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTION.

E. D. Hitch, P. A. Jones, J. C. Riley and the Deacons of Freewill Church.

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

A. J. Smith, W. G. Tuggle, S. P. Vines.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

J. R. Reeves, G. W. Cox, J. J. Vance.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

C. J. Waldrop, J. H. Knight, J. A. Wyley.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

H. A. Roberts, A. J. Sumners, H. A. Quinn.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

S. V. Travis, R. F. Vines, J. C. Hood.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

R. F. Vines, E. B. Vines, L. B. Hood.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

J. R. Reeves, J. J. Waldrop, D. W. Howton.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERS.

J. M. Snow, J. M. Gill, J. H. Hosmer.

COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

S. V. Traves, S. P. Vines, J. M. Higdon.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ASSOCIATIONAL BOOK.

J. J. Vance, D. R. Davis, W. B. Vines.

The Moderator called for Returning Correspondence. None.

On motion, this body agreed that when any of its members are present with other Associations in session, that they may be recognized as messengers from this Association.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Constitution, Rule of Decorum and Abstract of Principles. Read by Brother J. R. Reeves.

On motion, it was decided to have singing Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned until Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder E. H. Tuggle.

SUNDAY MORNING.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., singing began.

The Elder appointed to preach the missionary sermon being absent,

Elder S. B. Stiff was appointed instead, with Brother T. B. Vandiver to follow.

At 11 o'clock singing began, which was followed with preaching by Elder Stiff. The hymn, No. 475 in Psalmody. Text, St. Mark, Chapter V and Verse 19, which reads: "Go home to thy friends and tell them what great things the Lord hath done for thee, and had compassion on thee." After prayer, "Nothing But the Blood of Jesus" was sung. An interesting sermon was then preached. Prayer by Elder Vandiver.

EVENING SERVICE.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the class of singers reassembled and enjoyed a very animated lesson. At 3 o'clock Rev. S. B. Stiff gave a pointed and interesting lecture on Sabbath Schools. Dismissed until morning.

MONDAY MORNING.

Singing began at 10 o'clock. The Moderator read a lesson from Matthew, Chapter V and the first sixteen verses. Hymn, No. 574 in Psalmody was sung. Prayer by Brother A. J. Sumners.

The Moderator then called the Association to order and asked for the reports of the various Committees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the letters from the various Churches and find a request from Blue Creek and Friendship Churches, letters of dismission from our body, and also a request from Pilgram's Mission Church to publish Wm. H. Moeyer in our next minutes for profanity, drunkenness and dancing. He has been excluded for the same, but holds a license to preach and a letter of dismission. All of which we recommend.

A. J. SMITH, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows: That we find a request from Mud Creek Church asking that the next session of this body be held there, and this we recommend. Mud Creek Church is five miles Northwest of Adger. We recommend that Elder J. N. McFalls preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. A. Markham, alternate; Elder G. H. Bean to preach the missionary sermon, Elder T. P. Vandivere, alternate. The Association to convene Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1892.

J. R. REEVES, *Chairman.*

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report that we have paid for minutes, $12.50; for associational purposes, $10.35. Total, $22.85.

J. J. WALDROP, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: We recommend to this Association that we remunerate our preachers more, thereby enabling them to administer to us more of Heavenly things; that we cultivate a spirit of mission in our own midst.

H. A. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, submit the following: By investigation we find only three of our Churches engaged in this important work. Feeling as we do, the great need of the word of God being taught our children, who we know are the hope of our country, and seeing the danger of their being led astray by the sin and devices that surround them, and feeling the need of our going to work in earnest in this great work, we ask this body to appoint five brethren, whose duty it shall be to organize Sunday Schools in the Churches of this Association. We also recommend that the several Churches report in their letters to the next session of this body the number of scholars engaged in their schools, and that the same be spread on the next minutes of this Association. Respectfully submitted.

R. F. VINES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submits the following: Seeing the crimes and abominations in our country by the use of intoxicating spirits, men killing their companions, making orphans of their children, and seeing our prisons crowded with victims of the same, we therefore recommend that this Association use all its influence in ruling out the curse from among us. We earnestly appeal to our brothers to stop dram drinking, as it is a duty they owe to their families, their children and their God.

S V. TRAVIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following: Education is one of the most important questions of the day, one that should interest every thinking individual. The wealth of a nation is not in its material resources, but in the muscle, brain and morals of its people. In the offering of this report we hope and recommend that the members of the Churches composing this Association will fully arouse themselves to the responsibility incumbent upon them in the education of their children.

J. R. REEVES, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MEMBERR.

We, your Committee on Deceased Members, beg leave to report as follows: We find from Smithville Church Sister Lavina C. Smith, Adaline

Goldon, Sister N. C. Waldrop and Sister Talitha Gaines; from Blue Creek Church, Brother James Lawson and Sister Alcia Jones; from Friendship Church, Sister Lavina Hosmer, from Sardis Church, Sister Margaret Waldrop. J. M. SNOW, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIGENT MEMBERS.

We, your Committee on Indigent Members, beg leave to report as follows: We have examined the various letters and find nothing to engage our attention at present. S. V. TRAVIS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATIONAL BOOK.

We have carefully examined the same, and, with the exception of one mistake, we find it correct. J. J. VANCE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received of Finance Committee for minutes, $20.80; for Associational purposes $15.35. Total, $36.35. Paid to Moderator and Clerk, $5.00 each; paid the $5.35 to Brother L. A. Martin; paid over to Clerk the $20.80 minutes fund. Received from Sunday's collection, $30.15 and paid the same to Brothers B. S. Thompson, A. White, J. M. Kent, J. A. Markham and G. H. Bean. J. J. WALDROP, *Treasurer.*

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

At 1:30 o'clock, P. M., the Association reassembled and resumed business. As a prelude hymn 627, in the Psalmody, was sung. Prayer by Brother J. H. Moldon. The Moderater called for motions and resolutions.

Resolved, That the Association give from its Treasury to the Clerk the sum of $8.00.

Resolved, That the Association tender its thanks to Freewill Church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

Resolved, That the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the funds will pay for.

Resolved, To meet with Mud Creek Church, five miles northwest of Adger commencing Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1892. Prayer by the Moderator, a hymn was sung and each gave to the others the parting hand. A. WHITE,

Moderator.

A. J. SUMNERS,

Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Died	Total Members	Minute Fund	Association Fund	Rec'd by Letter
Blue Creek	J. M. Kent	John's	J. M. Kent, J. M. Tucker, J. H. Lawson	0	6	1	0	2	34	1 15	00	1
Concord	J. N. McFall	Earnest	J. V. Norris, ‡D. G. Knight, R. F. Vines	3	0	2	0	0	55	1 45	1 00	6
Freewill	A. White	Quinton	W. G. Tuggle, H. A. Quinn, A. A. Vines	0	0	4	0	0	19	70	1 00	0
Friendship	S. M. Harmen	Milldale	H. Harmer	2	1	0	0	1	34	00	50	0
Hopewell	A. White	Toadvine	A. White, J. M. Snow, ‡J. B. Sandford	0	0	0	0	0	49	1 00	1 00	0
Laodocia	T. P. Vandiver	Quinton	H. M. Holice, A. J. Summers, J. A. Wyley	1	0	0	0	0	35	75	25	6
Liberty	A. White	Short Creek	‡G. B. Vines, E. B. Vines, J. J. Vance	1	4	0	0	0	76	75	75	4
Mount Ida	H. A. Key	Wilmington	‡A. T. Waldrop, H. A. Roberts, J. H. Knight	4	2	0	0	0	31	75	50	0
Mud Creek	J. N. McFall	Earnest	D. W. Howton, ‡S. A. Parsons, S. V. Travis	1	1	2	1	0	64	75	1 00	3
New Bethel	T. P. Vandiver	Quinton	J. C. Hood, L. B. Hood, W. J. Skelton	13	2	0	0	0	27	60	20	7
Oak Grove	A. White	Ezra	‡J. V. McFall, ‡A. J. Batson, E. D. Hyche	0	3	1	0	3	71	1 40	1 00	0
Pilgram's Mission	R. H. Blake	Connellsville	T. J. Jones, P. A. Jones, J. M. Higdon	2	2	1	0	0	...	50	75	0
Pleasant Hill	G. B. Vines	Toadvine	S. P. Vines, S. W. B. Vines, ‡B. Salter	0	2	0	0	0	34	60	40	0
Smithville	...	Toadvine	A. J. Smith, ‡Jos Franklin, ‡J. H. Snow	0	1	0	0	2	21	50	25	0
Sardis	R. H. Blake	Adger	John Satterfield, J. M. Gill, George Cox	5	3	1	1	1	51	50	1 00	1
Rock Creek	G. H. Bean	Toadvine	J. R. Reeves, J. J. Waldrop, J. C. Riley	20	9	1	0	0	77	1 10	50	2
Antioch			Not Represented									
Black Warrior			Not Represented.									
Big Creek			Not Represented.									
Pleasant Ridge			Not Represented.									
Prude's Creek			Not Represented.									
New Providence			Not Represented.									
Village Creek			Not Represented.									

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